LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method for processing data in a distributed architecture, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a work request that identifies at least one repository for processing, wherein the at least one identified repository is included in a plurality of repositories;

determining a repository type of the at least one repository;

determining a spider type for gathering information content from the at least one identified repository, wherein the spider type is determined based on the repository type;

gathering information content from the at least one ~~identified~~ repository identified in ~~accordance with~~ the work request;

registering the information content;

assigning the information content to at least one document identifier;

transmitting the work request regarding ~~at least a portion of~~ the information content to a first work queue;

processing the work request by generating a meta-document representation of ~~the~~ at least a portion of the information content;

transmitting the meta-document representation to a second work queue; and

analyzing the meta-document representation.

2. *(Cancelled)*

3. *(Previously Presented)* The method of claim 1, wherein the meta-document representation comprises extensible markup language (XML) format.

4. *(Previously Presented)* The method of claim 1, wherein the step of analyzing the meta-document representation comprises metrics extraction of the meta-document representation.

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